Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Chhattisgarh and M.P.

†3827. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up Electronic Telephone Exchange in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof location-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose for the year 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of proposed stations where Electronic Telephone Exchanges are planned for the year 2002-2003 in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh are being worked out.

(c) Circle-wise funds allocation is also being worked out.

Hiring of Private Buildings for Post Offices

3828. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Post Offices in Delhi are housed in private buildings;

(b) if so, the details of the criteria/procedure for hiring such buildings;

(c) whether Government propose to shift post officc-110073 to a new building;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken, so far in this regard; and

(e) by when it is likely to shifted to a new building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Buildings for post offices are normally hired by issue of tender notices. A Fair Rent Assessment Committee is thereafter constituted for making recommendations regarding suitability of accommodation offered for the purpose for which required and assessment of rent for the premises.

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